

## **Public Input Hearing Participation Requirements**

The Citizen's Redistricting Commission looks forward to hearing from all Citizens in the state and welcomes a diversity of views. This is a historical opportunity for all Citizens of California. Your assistance will help encourage participation by all attendees and will aid the Commission in reaching its goal of drawing new district boundaries in accordance with the California Constitution. To ensure a productive and meaningful input session, we ask for your cooperative participation by adhering to the following requirements:

- Each input hearing will be attended by either a California Highway Patrol officer or other security personnel to assist in ensuring the safety of both the Commissioners and the public.
- Each person wishing to speak before the Commission will have 2 minutes to speak. When your time is up, please be respectful of other speakers and conclude your comments.
- If you wish to hold a conversation with others, please do so outside of the hearing room to minimize distracting those in the meeting.
- Please do not approach Commissioners individually at the dais or head table before, during or after the meeting. If you wish to have an individual conversation with one of the Commissioners, please contact a Commission staff person who will assist in coordinating this request if the Commissioner agrees to have a meeting.
- Please be respectful of those who are speaking and do not make any audible comments, gestures, outbursts or other distractions supporting or opposing the speaker that would result in disrupting or delaying the hearing or which would result in the distraction of the speaker.

- If any person attending the hearing participates in any disruptive behavior that is deemed to show a lack of respect for the process or anyone in attendance, that person or persons may be asked to leave the hearing and will be escorted out of the room by security personnel.
- If a disturbance occurs in the meeting, the meeting may be stopped by the Commission chairperson to gain control of the disturbance, or, in the event that the disturbance does not cease, the meeting may be adjourned by Commission agreement.
- Persons in the audience will refrain from using cellular phones and/or pagers while the meeting is in session.
- Objects and symbolic materials, such as signs or banners, will be allowed in the meeting room with the following restrictions:
  - No objects will be larger than 2 feet by 3 feet
  - No sticks, posts, poles or other such items will be attached to the signs or other symbolic materials
  - The items cannot create a building maintenance problem, or a fire or safety hazard.
  - Persons with objects and symbolic materials such as signs must remain seated when displaying them and must not raise the items above shoulder level, obstruct the view or passage of other attendees, or otherwise disturb the business of the meeting.
  - Any individual that possesses a sign or banner that does not comply with these restrictions will be asked to remove the sign completely from the premises. Any individual refusing to do so will be considered to be participating in disruptive behavior and will be asked to leave the hearing, escorted out of the venue by security personnel, and not allowed to re-enter the venue even if they have disposed of the sign or banner that was the object of the original dispute.